

WHIL.12 World War II- Major Events & The Holocaust/20th Century Genocides

WWII Events

Germany Invades Poland

- Date: September 1, 1939
- Involved: Germany, U.S.S.R., and Poland
- Outcome: Invasion of Poland; WWII begins; Britain & France declare war on Germany

Fall of France

- Date: May-June 1940
- Involved: Germany, France
- Outcome: France becomes occupied by Nazi Germany

Miracle of Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo)

- Date: 26 May- 3 June 1940
- Involved: Germany, Allied forces
- Outcome: French and British forces evacuated

Battle of Britain

- Date: September 7, 1940
- Involved: Germany, Britain
- Outcome: Hitler is stopped for the 1st time; Britain remains free of Nazi occupation

Tripartite Pact

- Date: September 27, 1940
- Involved: Germany, Italy, and Japan
- Outcome: alliance pact signed creating the Axis Powers

Invasion of Soviet Union

- Date: June 1941
- Involved: Germany, Soviet Union
- Outcome: Hitler has early successes in U.S.S.R., then begins losing at Stalingrad (turning point of WWII)

Bombing of Pearl Harbor

- Date: December 7, 1941
- Involved: Japan, U.S.
- Outcome: Japan attempts to destroy U.S. Naval fleet in Pacific, brings U.S. into war

Battle of Coral Sea

- Date: 4-8 May 1942
- Involved: Japan, United States, and Britain
- Outcome: Japanese invasion of Australia prevented; aircraft carrier introduced to modern warfare

Battle of Midway

- Date: 4-7 June 1942
- Involved: United States and Japan
- Outcome: Turning point of the war in the Pacific; United States success leads to "Island Hopping" campaign throughout the Pacific realm

Battle of Stalingrad

- Date: August 1942- February 1943
- Involved: Germany and U.S.S.R.
- Outcome: Turning point of the war in Europe

D-Day Invasion (Operation Overlord)

- Date: June 6, 1944
- Involved: Britain, U.S., Canada, France, Germany
- Outcome: Allied Powers open a 2nd front by breaking through Nazi occupied French beaches

V-E Day

- Date: 7 May 1945
- Involved: Germany and Allied Powers
- Outcome: Germany surrenders, ending the war in Europe

Bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki

- Date: August 6, & 9, 1945
- Involved: U.S., Japan
- Outcome: U.S. drops two atomic bombs on Japan, forcing their surrender

V-J Day

- Date: 14 August 1945
- Involved: Japan and Allied Powers
- Japan unconditionally surrenders end the World War II
- Formal surrender signed on 2 September 1945 aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, which was anchored in Tokyo Bay

The Holocaust

- Genocide-the systematic and purposeful destruction of a racial, political, religious or cultural group
- Holocaust-an attempted genocide of European Jews by Nazi Germany during WWII

Causes of the Holocaust

- The Holocaust was caused by **H.A.T.R.E.D.**
- H=Hitler's belief in the master race (Aryan Race)
- A=Anti-Semitism
- T=Totalitarianism + Nationalism
- R=Racist Genocide
- “Final Solution”=kill all Jews quickly and efficiently using extermination camps & gas chambers
- E=Economic depression blamed on German Jews
- D=Defeat in WWI blamed on Jews

11 MILLION PEOPLE MURDERED BY THE NAZIS

-6 MILLION **JEWS**

THE OTHERS WERE:

- POLES
- SLAVS
- GYPSIES
- UNDESIRABLES-HOMOSEXUALS, MENTALLY ILL, HANDICAPPED,
- JEHOVAH WITNESSES, AND POLITICAL DISSIDENTS

Purposeful killing of a racial, political, religious or cultural group = Genocide

<u>Murderer(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Group killed</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1. Ottoman ---Turks	Ottoman Empire	Armenian Christians	1915
2. Nazis	E. Europe	Jews	1939-1945
3. Joseph Stalin	USSR	Peasants, gov't & military leaders	1930's
4. Pol Pot	Cambodia	monks, educated, artists, gov't off's	1976
5. Hutus	Rwanda	Tutsi (minority)	1990's